

"Absurd!" Is the Cry of Liberals,

Declaring Tabernacle Attack Is Not Their Child.—"It's Cheap to Charge Us With Opposing Revival," Brewers' Association Secretary Says.—Silence Observed By Mayor As To Complainant.

State and county wet leaders denied yesterday the charge of Charles Mayer, Executive Committee member of the Walnut Hills Tabernacle meetings to begin December 31, it is the intention of the liquor forces to enjoin the holding of revival meetings in the building now under construction. Rev. Henry W. Stough is to conduct the revivals.

William F. Hess, Secretary of the Cincinnati and State Brewers' Association, declared his organization had sent no notice to the Executive Committee declaring its intention to enjoin the

meetings. He referred, however, to the State building code, and intimated the tabernacle should be of fireproof construction.

Louis Rinkenberger, President of the Ohio Liquor League, said no notice had been sent by his organization of its intention to contest the right to use the tabernacle for meetings, and that he knows nothing of such a plan.

Max Weinberger, President of the Hamilton County Liquor League, said the league would take no action and had not contemplated any.

"We Mind Our Own Business,"

"We look after our own interests, minding our own business," he said. "If those people want to hold meetings in the tabernacle we will do nothing to stop them. They may conduct the meetings as far as we are concerned."

Mr. Hess, in speaking of the charge of Mr. Mayer, declared it was "comparatively cheap to ascribe such incidents to the liquor forces."

"Mr. Mayer says," continued Mr. Hess, "the liquor forces hate Rev. Mr. Stough. I venture to say there is not a man associated with the State headquarters of the liquor interest at 22 Garfield Place who has the slightest acquaintance with Rev. Mr. Stough, and none can, therefore, have the slightest personal grudge or hatred against him."

"Mr. Mayer also states the liquor forces have informed the Executive Committee they will enjoin us from holding meetings in the tabernacle," Mr. Mayer could just as well, if such notice had been given, have definitely specified the official from whom this notice was received. Instead, he ascribes it to the 'liquor forces.' I am secretary of both the state and local brewers' associations, and not such notice has been sent by me, nor have I knowledge of any notice."

"I understand, however, the tabernacle is being erected for so-called revival meetings to be conducted by Rev. Stough of Oak Park, Ill. I share with many others the belief that religious faith should not be exploited as a circus with imported star performers."

Law Violations Charged.

"I know of no exemption in favor of wets or dries by which either is immune from the state law relating to buildings in which public gatherings are to be held. When such buildings are to seat more than 1,000 persons the state law requires the building to be of fireproof construction. If citizens of this city desire, by injunction or otherwise, to proceed against Mr. Mayer and his committee in a manner that the building laws of the state be strictly observed in protection of the lives threatened by non-observance, then, I say, they are pursuing a laudable intent."

"I am tired, however, of the liquor forces being charged whenever it meets the convenience of those who are leading the dry forces."

"Several men who have no connection with the church already have expressed their indignation that any interest would attempt to stop an evangelistic meeting in this city," said Rev. Frederick L. McMillin, pastor of First Presbyterian Church on Walnut Hills and Executive Committee member of the Tabernacle meetings.

Mr. Mayer declared last evening there was no complaint about the construction of the tabernacle, but as to its use. He declined to give the names of those who complained, but referred to the Mayor as the one who should be asked about it.

The Mayor said complaint had been lodged with him and an injunction threatened, but he refused to name the person or persons who made the complaint or the basis for a restraining order.

"CAN'T STRIKE" LAW IGNORED

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LYRIC.

Messrs. Shubert will send to the Lyric Theatre, week beginning Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Week), the merriest of all Viennese musical plays, "Alone At Last," which has just concluded a most remarkable engagement in Chicago. Previously this latest work by Franz Lehar, composer of "The Merry Widow," had been staged in New York (that was last season) and later enjoyed prosperous engagement in Boston and Philadelphia.

The large cast will include Harry Conner, Forrest Huff, Fritz von Busing, Mabel Weeks, Stella Norelle, Robinson Newbold, Elizabeth Goodall, Miriam Folger and others, as well as a special beauty chorus. A symphony orchestra is a feature of the performance.

Scenically, "Alone At Last" might have had its birth at the Winter Garden which always boasts of a scenic effect. In "Alone At Last" there is a mountain climbing scene which shows a party of American tourists starting at the base of the Jungfrau and ascending to the top. This takes place before the very eyes of the audience, one scene melting into the other without interruption. The play takes its title from the fact that the two lovers stray off from the main party and eventually find themselves "Alone At Last" on the top of the mountain where they are compelled to spend the night. Next morning the inn, at the base of the Jungfrau is a whirlpool of gossip. The girl is criticized but in the end is vindicated because her guide and companion turns out to be a real Baron who asks for her hand in marriage.

You have doubtless heard many of the songs on your Virola, chief among them being "Little Edelweiss."

EMPRESS THEATER.

A rollicking bill of fun, still more fun, girls—and plenty of them—and of unusual action, brilliance and liveliness will be considerably in evidence next week at the Empress Theater. It will be a vaudeville show upholding the highest standard of bright, cheerful and happy entertainment, one filled to the brim with rich novelty and enjoyable innovation.

The principal attraction will be "Love's Lottery," in which seven stunning singers appear. It is a swiny, spectacular song-comedy, a de lux display of beauty, harmony, girls and fun, that has scored brilliant and popular success in every theater in which it has been presented. "Love's Lottery" is a richly blended cocktail of rapidly moving humor, dainty femininity and tuneful melodies. Another act that is certain also of making a favorable impression is that of "The Last Laugh," a comedy story of the underworld that blends in equal parts the tonic of unexpected thrills and the happiness of cheerful hilarity. "The Last Laugh" is not only based on modern and original lines, with the proverbial punch, but its free-flowing humor is contagious. Its interpreters include Salome Park, Jack Lyons and E. J. Brady, all actors of rare ability.

The buoyancy and fascination of refreshing girlhood is well exemplified in the four Darling Saxophone Girls, who will be one of the principal features on the bill. This quartet of charming melody maids are simply irresistible when playing their odd-shaped but harmonious musical instruments. They are accomplished instrumentalists and their choice of numbers is popular and lively. They present an act of most pleasing quality, totally different from any ever seen here, and their selection of the word "Darling" fits them to a nicety.

Of equal high merit is the rest of the program. It includes McAuliffe and Pearson, in a medley of musical merriment; Prickett and Lester, in "Riotous Fun at a Tank Town"; Clay and Ethel Hagy, live wires "At the Sea Shore," and the never failing program of comedy films.

CONSULTS WITH UNIONS.

Denver.—James Noland, secretary of State-elect, has asked Colorado trade unionists to indicate their preference for the position of deputy labor commissioner of this State, who is actually the labor commissioner.

The State official in his letter includes a list of the candidates already recommended to him for appointment, and assures the central bodies if other candidates appear he will notify them.

OPPOSE COMPULSION.

Richmond, Va.—Compulsory arbitration is opposed by the Central Trades and Labor Council, which calls upon United States Senators Martin and Swanson and Congressman Montague to use every means at their disposal to defeat such legislation.

The unionists declare that legislation of this character "would mean virtual slavery for the great mass of toilers of the nation," and express the opinion that it would also be in direct violation of the thirteenth amendment to the federal constitution, which declares that:

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